



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

The Council of the City of San José convened in Study Session at 9:06 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall Council Wing, San Jose, California.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Nguyen, Oliverio, Pyle; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - Williams (excused).

Vacant: - District 4.

Staff: Assistant Deputy City Manager Kay Winer, Chief Deputy City Attorney Ed Moran, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel, Assistant Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Senior Planner Michael Brilliot, Deputy City Clerk Nancy Alford, and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel. dated April 19, 2007, recommending acceptance of the results of the outreach meetings; review and provide input regarding draft framework for the Work Program, Community Participation Program and Draft Guiding Principles for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update; transmitting the study session agenda. (2) Staff presentation “Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update”, dated May 3, 2007. (3) Information sheet from Bonnie Mace, dated May 3, 2007, entitled General Plan Update Study Session: Additional Key Guiding Principles.

The outcome of the study session is: (1) To accept the results of the Early Community Outreach process. (2) Receive input regarding the proposed framework for the Work Program for the General Plan Update. (3) Receive guidance regarding the proposed Community Participation program. (4) Receive input on proposed General Plan Update Guiding Principles.

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Opening Remarks

Mayor Reed explained that the purpose of this study session is to take the necessary steps to establish a work plan and time schedule for the General Plan update process which will address long term growth, development plans, quality of life, social, economic, environmental goals and realities.

Introduction and Overview

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Principal Planner Stan Ketchum presented a brief overview of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update.

Presentation of the Results of the Early Community Outreach Process

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Principal Planner Stan Ketchum summarized the early community outreach process.

Council questions and suggestions followed.

Discussion and Input Regarding the Proposed Framework for the Work Program for the General Plan Update

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Principal Planner Stan Ketchum outlined the proposed framework for the General Plan Update.

Mayor Reed expressed concern for the length of the process and asked staff to return in June with proposals for a shorter and longer work plan, including the consequences and ramifications of each.

Council discussion followed.

Discussion and Input Regarding the Proposed Community Participation Program

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Senior Planner Michael Brilliot outlined the proposed community participation program.

Mayor Reed asked that knowledgeable community members be allowed time to offer their comments. Former Council Member Pat Sausedo encouraged structure and accountability, including subcommittees with specific tasks, for the proposed community participation program. Sunshine Task Force Chair Ed Rast concurred with Ms. Sausedo's issues and added that there should be more emphasis on job growth in the neighborhoods.

Council comments followed.

Public Comments

Michele Beasley (Greenbelt Alliance) expressed support for the General Plan update as it is much needed and should be the City's number one priority.

Brian Schmidt (Committee for Green Foothills) urged that the General Plan Update should precede and control any specific plans not already in place, i.e., Coyote Valley or Evergreen; and stated that the City's riparian policies have loopholes that should be compared with other general plans to find the most effective.

Jim Foran encouraged Council to go forward with this process while taking into consideration general plans of the past as to whether they are effectively reaching their vision and goals.

Bonnie Mace suggested six principles to guide the strategies of the updated General Plan which included fiscal stability, sustainability, livability, flexibility, quantifiability and predictability.

Discussion of Potential Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Principal Planner Stan Ketchum presented the potential guiding principles for the General Plan update.

Council discussion followed. Staff was directed to move forward as outlined in their presentation with direction to return to Council if any modifications to the guiding principles are anticipated.

Next Steps

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Principal Planner Stan Ketchum stated that the next steps would be interdepartmental coordination of issues affecting infrastructure and development. He added that Staff will return to Council on June 5, 2007 for approval of the Work Program, Community Participation Program and Guiding Principles.

Mayor Reed adjourned the Study Session at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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